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U.S.D.J.

February 29, 2008

By Hand

Hon. Gerard E. Lynch United States District Judge United States Courthouse 500 Pearl Street, Room 910 New York, New York 10007

Re: Ricky Savoie v. Astrue
07 Civ. 8346 (GEL)

Dear Judge Lynch:

This Office represents the Commissioner of Social Security, defendant in the above-captioned action. We write respectfully to request an extension of defendants's time to answer or move with respect to the complaint.

The defendant's answer is due today, February 29, 2008. However, this Office has only recently received the administrative record in this case. In order to allow time to review the record and, if necessary, to discuss this matter with Social Security Administration personnel, we respectfully request that defendant's time to answer be extended to April 18, 2008. Plaintiff's counsel has consented to this request. One previous extension was granted in this case.

SO ORDERED

GERARD E. LYNCH, U.S.D.J.

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 $\label{eq:weak_problem} \mbox{We thank the Court for its consideration of this request.}$

Respectfully,

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